Impact of fare hike on passenger traffic

2156. SHRI VISHVASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the frequent fare hike by the Indian Airlines has affected the passenger traffic; and

(b) what is the total revenue earned by the Indian Airlines during the first quarter of current financial year and how does it compare with the corresponding period of last year ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total revenue earned by Indian Airlines during the quarter April to June, 1992 was Rs. 427.79 crores as against Rs. 312.30 crores earned during the corresponding period last year.

Change in Routes of Foreign Airlines

2157. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approached foreign airlines to change their flight routes to accommodate domestic passengers;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of foreign airlines to this request; and

(c) what are the reasons for this request to foreign airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Use of executive pilots by Indian Airlines

2158. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines have been using executive pilots for its operations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such use or executive pilots is in violation of guidelines laid down by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation;

(c) whether Director of Flight Safety has warned that an accident can take place if the services of executive pilots are continued to be used for operations; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Director of Flight Safety, Indian Airlines, has advised not to use the services of executive pilots in violation of the flight duty time limitations prescribed by Director General of Civil Aviation. The executive pilots are observing the prescribed flight duty time limitations.

Direct flight to Nairobi from Armedabad

2159. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to operate direct flight for Nairobi from Ahmedabad airport;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to agree to the proposal; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken of the number of Gujarat is settled in East Africa and the likely traffic from a direct flight to Nairobi ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A market survey has been conducted in Ahmedabad recently which revealed that majority of the passengers travelling from Gujarat to Nairobi prefer to travel over Bombay. A direct flight from Ahmedabad is not considered an economically viable proportion at present.

Revaluation of I.T.D.C. Assets

2160. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that valuation of assets of 26 hotel properties of Indian

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Tourism Development Corporation has been got done in 1991 from four Foreign Banks which are found involved in famou Securities Scam of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of valuation of each ITDC Hotel property as assessed and submitted by the said Banks to ITDC Management/Government;

(c) the details of the ITDC Hotel properties which are available for disinvestment to NRIs and Public, as on date ;

(d) what will be the total amount available to ITDC Management after the above mentioned disinvestment for upgrading and modernising ITDC's existing hotel properties, with detailed plan of each during 1992-93 onwards; and

(e) what is the market/commercial value of the ITDC owned Hotels and assets therein as on date vis-a-vis to that of as assessed by the above Banks ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) ITDC had assigned the following four banks to assess the value of its 26 hotel properties :—

1. Standard Chartered Bank
2. Citibank N.A.
3. ANZ Grindlays Bank.
4. The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

In their valuation report, the banks have assessed the value of 26 hotels. Government has decided to have this net worth reassessed through the Central Public Works Department which has currently undertaken this task.

(c) The ITDC has formulated a scheme whereby small groups of hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels are proposed to be developed.

(d) It is difficult to indicate the amount that will be available to ITDC after the formulation of joint venture companies as no final decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(e) Hotels of ITDC were not evaluated prior to the assessment made by the above said banks.

Contract for Computer Service in Cargo Section of International Airport Authority of India

2161. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract for on-line computer service in the Cargo Section of the International Airport Authority of India has been awarded to a fake firm and one of its experience certificate was given by the National Airport Authority;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The International Airports Authority of India has ordered a full scale inquiry into the matter and the report is awaited.

अधिकृत लाइसेंसों के बिना विमान उड़ाने वाले इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और एयर इंडिया के विमान चालक

2162. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइंस तथा एयर इंडिया के विमानों को उन विमान चालकों द्वारा चलाया गया था जिनके पास अधिकृत लाइसेंस नहीं थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र